

SERMON NOTES

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"Prayer: Talking, Listening, Being"

Luke 11:1-13, John 10:2-6,

2 Corinthians 3:18

*"Father, this is your Word. We believe
it is true, and we receive what it says.
In the name of Jesus, open our hearts
and engage our minds."*

Talking to God - Examples of Premade Prayers

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Talking with God - 3 Subcategories

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Listening to God - How do we hear God's voice?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Being with God - Dimensions of Contemplative Prayer

1. Looking at _____, looking at _____, in _____
2. _____ to God's Love
3. _____ in God's Love

So What?



Encouraging People to Reflect Jesus and Serve Others

September 6, 2026

Worship - 10:10 am

After Half - 11:15 am

TODAY

Following Jesus is more than what we believe. It's a way of life. In this series, we'll explore spiritual disciplines that help us slow down, make space for God, and cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus.

We'll discover practical ways to live more intentionally as disciples of Jesus every day. A space for taking notes is on the back. Enjoy the service!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Rach Nelson - reunion with kids, Recovery Alive Groups, peace and health for my family

Renee Angel - Dad's health, growth for daughter Meagan

Bev Ludlow - Lung cancer treatments, macular degeneration injections

Rose Lawson - prayers for my health

Chad Betz (Debbie Hinrich's son-in-law) - hip surgery 9/3

Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for up to 1 month. If you'd like it to continue to be in the bulletin, please submit another yellow prayer request card.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your generosity!

We raised \$1,370, plus the \$500 match by the church, for a total of \$1,870. This will be split evenly between the Goods and Coats to support their ministries!

September Little Things

Hygiene Items for Senior Care Facilities

We're collecting items like shampoo, body wash, and toothpaste to give to those whose budgets are strained by the cost of living in senior care facilities.



Saturday, September 12

12-4 pm, ODCC Lawn and Sanctuary

Join us for this family-friendly, fun afternoon with Recovery Alive! You don't have to be part of the program to enjoy the games, music, food, and friendship! Bring a side dish!

Saturday, September 19

9:30am-2pm, Blackhawk Camp in Oregon, IL

Join with other churches in our area for worship, fellowship, and encouragement.
Cost: \$10 for lunch, kids free.

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WHAT'S AFTER HALF?

Each Sunday after the service, we invite you to stick around for 30 minutes. For kids and teens, this is a time to explore their faith through Bible study and activities. For adults, this is a time of fellowship in the sanctuary or meeting in the chapel to reflect and engage with others about the sermon.



THIS WEEK

9/6 - After Half, EHR, 6-8, CHAOS, 6:30-8pm

9/7 - ODCC Run Club, 6pm

9/8 - Lydia Circle Gathering, 1pm

9/9 - Women's Process Group, 7pm

9/10 - Prayer Team, 10am, ODCC Run Club, 6pm

9/11 - Worship Practice, 6pm, Recovery Alive, 6pm

9/12 - Men's Breakfast, 9am, RA Potluck Cookout, 12-4 pm